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SUBJ: UN PRESS CONFERENCE AND RALLY FOR SAHELIAN DROUGHT

RELIEF

1. IN JULY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS, UPPER VOLTA PERM REP YAGUIBOU ANNOUNCED ON BEHALF OF SAHELIAN COUNTRIES THE OPENING OF A PUBLIC US APPEAL TO SUPPLEMENT USG AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAHELIAN DROUGHT VICTIMS.

2. YAGUIBOU EXPRESSED "DEEP GRATITUDE FOR GIGANTIC EFFORT" MADE BY USG ON BEHALF OF THOSE AFFECTED, ADDING, "AS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES," WEST AFRICA "ONCE AGAIN TURNS TO THE UNITED STATES." BECAUSE USG CANNOT BE EXPECTED "TO SOLVE EVERYONE'S PROBLEMS, STRICKEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES NOW TURN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE US."

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3. CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER REV. JESSIE JACKSON, WHO IS COORDINATING US APPEAL, DESCRIBED HIS EFFORTS AS COMPLEMENTARY IN NATURE TO THOSE MADE BY WASHINGTON AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. UN UNDER SECRETARY MORSE, ALSO PRESENT, WELCOMED APPEAL. JACKSON THEN OUTLINED HIS "STRATEGY" AS INVOLVING THE SECURING OF CONGRESSIONAL AND OIL COMPANY SUPPORT FOR DIGGING WATER WELLS IN AFFECTED AREAS, MOBILIZATION OF TRANSPORT RESOURCES TO MOVE GOODS, AND COLLECTION OF DRIED FOODS.

4. OTHERS PRESENT AT CONFERENCE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM SAHELIAN COUNTRIES INVOLVED, AND UNICEF AND AFRICARE OFFICIALS. APPEAL WAS FOLLOWED BY RALLY AT NEARBY HAMMARSkjOLD PLAZA. ALTHOUGH LATTER, WHICH INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY BLACK AMERICAN ENTERTAINERS, WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED, UN OFFICIALS INVOLVED ASSURE US THAT PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL MAGNITUDE ARE ALREADY COMING IN.

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